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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.,)	
et al.,)	Case No. 08-35653-KRH
Debtors.)	
)	Jointly Administered
)	

RESPONSE OF ABILENE-RIDGEMONT, LLC TO LIQUIDATING TRUST'S SIXTY-FOURTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO LANDLORD CLAIMS (REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PARTIALLY INVALID CLAIMS)

Abilene-Ridgemont, LLC ("Abilene"), as Transferee of claims from Novogroder Abilene, LLC, by counsel, hereby responds to the Liquidating Trust's Sixty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Landlord Claims (Reduction of Certain Partially Invalid Claims, Reclassification of Certain Misclassified Claims, Disallowance of Certain Invalid Claims, Disallowance of Certain Late Filed Claims, and Disallowance of Certain Amended Claims) (the "Objection") as follows:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. On March 31, 2000, the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors") entered into a Lease Agreement (the "Lease") with Lakepoint Texas Investment Properties, LLC ("Lakepoint"), whereby the Lakepoint agreed to lease the

commercial premises located at 4351 Ridgemont Drive, Abilene, Texas 79606 (the "Property") to the Debtors.

- 2. On or about September 25, 2002, Lakepoint sold the Property and assigned the Lease to Novogroder/Abilene, LLC (the "Landlord").
- 3. On or about September 25, 2002, the Landlord entered into a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") with Abilene. As security for Abilene's loan to the Landlord, the Landlord assigned its right, title and interest in the Property and the Lease to Abilene.
- 4. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed a petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and continued the management of its business and properties as debtor-in possession pursuant to §§ 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5. On January 27, 2009, the Landlord timely filed a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$127,132.75 (the "General Unsecured Claim") for damages from breach of the Lease. Circuit City designated this claim as "Claim No. 6440."
- 6. On or about April 10, 2009, the Landlord timely filed an amended claim in the amount of \$6,792,167.08, of which \$54,959.73 was entitled to administrative priority and \$6,737,207.35 was unsecured. Circuit City designated this claim as "Claim No. 12241."
- 7. Abilene foreclosed on the Property and its rights to the Lease and collection of rents therein on June 2, 2009.
- 8. Abilene filed an amended claim on or about September 9, 2009, which amended Claim No. 6440, but did not amend Claim No. 12241. Circuit City designated this claim as "Claim No. 14599."

- 9. On or about September 21, 2009, the Debtors filed their Forty-Second Omnibus Objection (the "42nd Objection").
- 10. The 42nd Objection asserted that Claim No. 6440 was rendered moot and superseded by Claim No. 12241. The 42nd Objection sought to disallow Claim No. 6440; however, pursuant to the Objection, Claim No. 12241 remained in effect and unaffected by the 42nd Objection.
- 11. Additionally, as part of the agreement between the Debtors and Abilene to resolve the 42nd Objection, the unsecured portion of Claim No. 12241 was reduced from \$6,737,207.35 to \$1,098,291.52, and the administrative portion of the claim was increased from \$54,959.73 to \$57,370.55. The Debtors and Abilene also agreed that claim No. 14599 was duplicative and should be expunged.

RESPONSE TO THE OBJECTION

A. Reduction of Certain Partially Invalid Claims

- 12. In Exhibit B of the Objection, the Trust contends that Abilene's rejection damages should be reduced by \$100,452.85. The Objection, however, fails to provide any explanation, backup or support for such contention. Additionally, Abilene disagrees that the rejection damages should be reduced by \$100,452.85.
- 13. Abilene's calculation of its unsecured claim is attached as Exhibit A hereto. As shown in Exhibit A, Abilene claims \$89,632.43 in pre-petition damages from the Debtors' prepetition default under the Lease. Abilene also claims \$1,008,659.09 in lease rejection damages pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(6), as shown on Exhibit A. Abilene believes that the calculations in Exhibit A are correct and accurate.

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14. Therefore, Abilene opposes the relief sought by the Trust in Exhibit B of the Objection.

WHEREFORE Abilene-Ridgemont, LLC, as Transferee of claims from Novogroder Abilene, LLC, prays that (i) the Trust's Objection seeking a reduction of Abilene's unsecured claim in the amount of \$100,452.85 be overruled; (ii) the Trust's Objection be overruled to the extent that it seeks disallowance of Claim No. 12241; (iii) no part of the Objection or the relief sought therein should affect Claim No. 12241; and (iv) Abilene be granted a hearing and such other relief as may be appropriate and as its interests may appear.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia November 21, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing Response of Abilene-Ridgemont, LLC to the Liquidating Trust's Sixty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Landlord Claims (Reduction of Certain Partially Invalid Claims) was filed and served this 21st day of November, 2012, electronically using the Court's ECF System, and was sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the entities at the addresses indicated below:

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